

# **KY Tech Students Capture One State Office and Two Executive Council Positions During 2006 KY FBLA State Conference**



The Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference was held April 11-13, 2006, at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville.

Three KY Tech area technology centers have students serving as FBLA state officers for the 2006-07-membership year. Katie Bowles, an office technology student under the direction of Montgomery Co. ATC Instructor Rhonda Bowles, was elected to serve as state reporter; Katie Hildabrand, an accounting and finance technology student under the direction of Russellville ATC Instructor Dr. Brenda Hazell, is the Region 2 president and will serve on the state executive council; and Laura Jackson, a business technology student under the direction of Harrison Co. ATC Instructor Louise Jackson, is president of Region 4 and will also serve on the state executive council.

There are a total of six regions in FBLA and each regional president serves as a state officer on the state executive council. At state conference, officers are elected from all over Kentucky. Only the regional presidents serve double duty as members of the executive council.

“Mrs. Beth Frogue and I are pleased with Katie’s maturity level and work ethic. As a sophomore, she has reached a distinctive level of leadership,” says Hazell. “Katie is focused and has demonstrated a great deal of initiative in setting and meeting the goal of representing Russellville ATC as the Region 2 president. We are proud of her.”

“Any instructor would be pleased to have a student serve as an FBLA state officer and all of us at Harrison Co. ATC are pleased that Laura was elected as the Region 4 president,” says Jackson. “However, it’s even more satisfying because she is my daughter and I’m so proud of what she has accomplished. It’s also important to convey that this has always been her decision and she has worked hard to achieve this goal.”

“It is a proud moment in the life of a parent when the dreams of your child come true. Katie’s involvement with various FBLA activities began as a small child, and she now has the opportunity to represent herself, her school and KY FBLA in this leadership role,” says Montgomery Co. ATC Business and Office Technology Instructor Rhonda Bowles. “We are extremely proud of all of Katie’s accomplishments.”



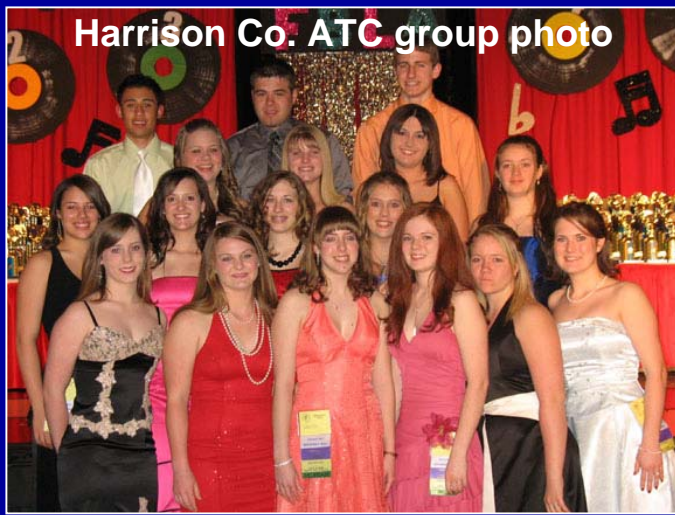
**Katie Hildabrand**  
**2006-07 Region 2**  
**president and**  
**member of State**  
**FBLA Executive**  
**Council.**

**At right: Laura Jackson**  
**is pictured with her**  
**mother, Louise Jackson.**  
**Laura is the 2006-07**  
**Region 4 president and**  
**serves on the State**  
**Executive Council.**

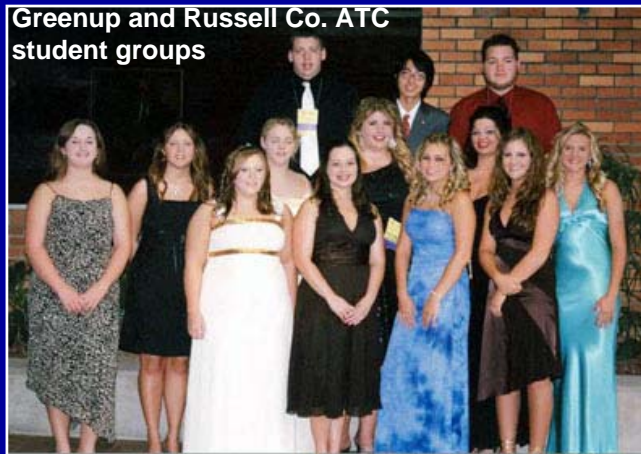


**At left, Montgomery**  
**Co. ATC Business**  
**and Office Student**  
**Katie Bowles.** Katie  
**is the 2006-07 FBLA**  
**State Recorder.**





Harrison Co. ATC group photo



Greenup and Russell Co. ATC student groups

**“The FBLA State Leadership Conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet other students from across the state. Students demonstrate their skills and leadership abilities they have gained through participating in FBLA,” says Greenup Co. ATC Accounting and Finance Instructor Sarah Johnson. “I have seen first hand how FBLA increases students' self-confidence and professionalism.”**

**“We took 39 students because we won in 28 events at regional competition - the most we have ever won. The State Leadership Conference was a wonderful opportunity for the students, and it was exciting to see how this group of seniors has grown throughout the years. They have become excellent leaders and have developed the skills necessary to lead, achieve, and succeed; not only in FBLA, but also in life,” says Mayfield-Graves Co. ATC Office Technology Instructor Kelli Cash. “We won in seven different events at state and were recognized for the Commonwealth Award of Merit and as a participant in Unite to Read. I am proud of each student and honored to be their adviser.”**



Mayfield-Graves Co. ATC Students





“State Conference is a highlight for our students every year. Over the course of each school year, they spend hours studying, creating and writing just for the opportunity to see how their skills and knowledge stack up with other students across the state. Our members have said that they enjoy the competition, the friends that they make, as well as the overall experience of attending a conference and meeting new people,” says Hughes Jones – Harrodsburg ATC Office Technology Instructor Damian Laymon. “I believe that it’s also valuable for members to meet the regional and state officers, who take pride in the organization and serve as an excellent example of students who are dedicated and professional.”



Son Le is a student at the Russell ATC under the direction of Office Technology Instructor Pam Bailey. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Accounting 1.



Russellville ATC students with  
Advisor Dr. Brenda Hazell.

Breathitt Co. ATC Business Technology Instructors and FBLA Advisors Joe Mayabb and Jerry Smith were excited for their students to attend the conference.

“The state conference is a great way for the students to network with other students across the state and become aware of future opportunities that may be available for them,” says Breathitt Co. ATC Business Technology Instructor Joe Mayabb. “The students can showcase their talents in a unique and competitive arena that may not otherwise have been accessible.”

Breathitt Co. ATC students  
1<sup>st</sup> place Bulletin Board Contest



*Two competitors at the FBLA State Conference are students in the Kentucky Virtual Area Technology Center (KVATC) pilot program. Jerome Hollen and Warren Moore attend Lee County ATC and are pursuing Java and Visual Basic O\*Net certificates. The only opportunity these students have to pursue these O\*Nets is through the KVATC because Lee County ATC does not have an IT program and does not offer computer programming. Warren won first place at the FBLA Region 6 Conference in Visual Basic and Jerome placed in the Java event, which qualified them to compete at the state conference. Jerome was recognized at the state conference for his outstanding performance and will represent Kentucky FBLA at the nationals.*

*“This was a record setting conference with 1,616 members, advisers, and guests in attendance from all over Kentucky. Students who place first and second at the state conference are eligible to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference, June 29 - July 2, in Nashville,” said Office of Career and Technical Education Business and Marketing Academic Consultant Dale Winkler. “We are pleased with the progress our KY Tech instructors have made during this past year and how well represented we were at the state conference.”*